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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

Jean-Michel BERNARDON

Application No.: 09/619,584

Filed: July 19, 2000

For: BICYCLIC AROMATIC COMPOUNDS

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) Group Art Unit: 1616

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) Examiner: S.N. Qazi  
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**AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (248) ☐ \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.

☐ Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$355.00 (279) ☐ \$710.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_, on \_\_, for which continued examination is requested.

☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.

☒ No additional claim fee is required.

☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS =		× \$18.00 (103) =	
Independent Claims		MINUS =		× \$80.00 (102) =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$270.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					

☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action [Requirement for Restriction] mailed December 19, 2000, Applicant respectfully elects Group III, i.e., Claims 12-32, which are drawn to compounds and compositions of the formula in Claim 12 where Ar is the thiophene ring(d) and is the only hetero group present in the compound, with traverse.

Applicant respectfully requests a modification of the Requirement for Restriction so that at least two groups of claims are considered for prosecution at this time. Applicant notes that Group II are also identified in class 549, and Applicant believes it would not be an undue burden on the Examiner to examine and search both Groups II and III at this time.

In addition, the Examiner has requested the Applicant to elect a single species for purposes of examination. Applicant respectfully elects the compound identified in Example

6 on page 31 of the Specification. That compound is 4-(3,5,5,8,8-Pentamethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-2-thiopheneacrylic acid.

A modification of the Requirement for Restriction is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have suggestions or helpful comments in regard to the subject application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative.

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